

CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY

C R U C L A S S É D E G R A V E S

2018



Lisa Perrotti-Brown

04/2019

Deep purple-black in color, it opens slowly with profound notions of Black Forest cake, crème de cassis, roasted nuts and black olives, unfurling to reveal notions of menthol, crushed rocks, molten licorice and chargrilled meat plus a hint of lilacs. Full-bodied, rich and densely laden with layer upon layer of vibrant black fruits and mineral nuances, it has a solid backbone of firm, velvety tannins and seamless freshness, finishing very long with compelling restraint and exciting energy. **96-98+**

Decanter

Jane Anson

04/2019

« Top scoring red ». This is a serious 2018, structured, layered and full of Haut-Bailly signature. The texture is striking, with the silkiness emphasised by a pH of 3.87 and a relatively high alcohol that is effortlessly integrated into the body of the wine. The complexity builds slowly through the palate but the persisting feeling is of menthol, a lifting off and peeling back of the intensity, revealing the fresher more nuanced notes underneath. There's a lot of the 2015 character here, in terms of its enjoyable structure and generous fruit, but it's more like 2016 in its serious finish, and there's no question that this will age well. **98**



Roger Voss

04/2019

This wine initially seems easy and just packed with fruit. As you delve behind the black fruits, the tannins come into play. The considerable structure shows concentration with a dense side that has power and a lighter side that has fresh fruit. The wine should age impressively. **95-97**

Vinous

Antonio Galloni

05/2019

The 2018 Haut-Bailly speaks with real authority and class. Deeply spiced notes lead into a core of red/purplish berry fruit, lavender, licorice, new leather, menthol and tobacco. Vivid and dramatic in bearing, the 2018 possesses striking resonance from start to finish. There is plenty of tannin as well, but it is pretty much buried by the sheer luxuriosness of the fruit, while the mid-palate and saline-infused finish show terrific freshness as well as purity. **94-97**

JEB DUNNUCK

05/2019

A wine that's going to flirt with perfection, the 2018 Château Haut-Bailly is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, and 5% Each of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, brought up in 60% new French oak. Hitting 14.5% alcohol, its deep purple color is followed by a fabulous bouquet of pure crème de cassis, crushed violets, white flowers, graphite, and damp earth. An incredibly powerful, opulent wine, it nevertheless has sensational purity as well as the freshness and elegance that's the hallmark of this terrific estate. It will drink well in just a few years yet keep for 20-25 years or more. **97-100**



Olivier Poels

04/2019

Il s'agit d'un pur-sang. Un vin énergique, profond et, comme souvent à Haut-Bailly, parfaitement défini. Serré, tendu et très persistant. Quelle classe ! Cette bouteille entrera dans la légende du cru.

18-19

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04/2019

Incredible depth of fruit to this with a center palate that shows superb character and texture. I love the hazelnut and coffee-bean undertones to the beautiful fruit, which shows great finesse. Full-bodied yet compact and tight, giving a sense of agility and flight to the wine. Extremely tight and polished tannins. **97-98**



Le Figaro

04/2019

Un vin superbe qui prend le meilleur des deux mondes en se dévoilant à la fois très séveux et ultimement aristocratique. Dense et riche en matière colorante, sa structure fière est dynamisée par une intense fraîcheur et une souplesse spectaculaire. **19**

Anthocyanes
INDEPENDANT PAR NATURE

Yohan Castaing

04/2019

Réglisse, graphite, épices, fruits noirs « al dente », des notes florales. Bouche pleine et charnue, de très beaux tanins délicats et doux (un peu taffetas), un milieu de bouche très imposant dans la délicatesse et l'affirmation de soi. Un Haut-Bailly au plus juste de son terroir. On ressent bien les angles en milieu de bouche avec une finale sur l'allonge et le côté aérien. Très sapide. Un vin de très grande classe.

97-99+



Jeff Leve
04/2019

With a gorgeous, deep ruby hue, the wine pops from the glass with floral, tobacco and a mélange of fresh fruits. The wine is **full-bodied, concentrated, powerful and refined** but what's more important here is the **elegance** in the mouth, the sweetness in the fruit and the balanced levels of acidity, giving you simultaneous weight, lift, length and purity in a classic, restrained style. **96-98**



Julia Harding MW
04/2019

Black core. Intense black fruit, less open than Haut-Bailly II, as you might expect, but just as intense in fruit. Deep, more chewy than velvety but the layers of tannin are very fine, there are just a lot of them. A more savoury quality on the palate than in the Haut-Bailly II. Packed with fruit but all coiled up on itself. Big but nothing sticks out. Clean, dry, dark-chocolate finish. Very ripe Cabernet cassis but with the freshness of the Merlot (they always pick the Cabernet late and the Merlot early). Juicy at the core. **Big, harmonious and smooth. Embryonically elegant in its power and concentration.** **17,5**



04/2019

Nez complexe et intense, grand fruit mûr, des notes de tabac, cèdre, graphite, bouche très volumineuse, charpentée, avec une grosse structure tannique mais aussi un **fruit explosif** et une **bonne fraîcheur**. Un haut-bailly massif. **17,5-18**



04/2019

This is a **superb Haut-Bailly** and the nose alone is **worth a standing ovation**. A big wine and somewhat of an anomaly for Haut-Bailly, the oak is perfectly balanced and the skin tannins are so well-judged – some of the finest in the region – that there is little astringency but massive quantities of energy and verve. The tempo of the flavour as it expands on the palate is staggering. The length is great, too, but this is not a big wine in spite of the IPT. **It is simply sensational and it will live to fifty years.** **19++**



Olivier Bompass
04/2019

Fruits noirs, fruité pur, bon volume, de la chair, tanins fins, serrés, fermes, note fumée, en longueur, racé. **17,5**



winedoctor
by Chris Kissack

04/2019

It has a nose filled with dark black cherry, beautifully primary fruit, sweet and pure, showing the character of the vintage, but with a floral red-rosepetal perfume. On the palate it is pretty, fresh, poised and elegant, but showing imposing grip and a rich bed of tannins. These feel svelte, silky and integrated, and they sit comfortably within the substance of the midpalate, cashmerelike, polished, barely noticeable such is their elegance. Giving it energy is the acidfresh backbone. Overall this feels beautifully pure, reposed and yet brimming with structure and substance. **This is a great Haut-Bailly in the making.** **94-96**



04/2019

Pourpre violacé. Bouquet intense marqué par des notes florales. Notes d'iris, de violettes, de griottes et de baies noires. A l'aération le bouquet exprime également des notes de fèves de cacao et gagne en complexité. La mise en bouche est ample et crémeuse. **Haut-Bailly sait parfaitement allier la race, le charme, la puissance et la densité**. Les tannins sont puissants et se révèlent en crescendo le long du palais pour atteindre leur maximum en fin de bouche. Ils ont un grain fin et sont de pair avec la structure qui est racée et qui confère de la fougue à l'ensemble du palais. **Une très grande réussite.** **98-100**

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04/2019

Couleur sombre, intense et belle. Nez intense, fin, fruité, pur, mûr et suave. Pulpeux en entrée de bouche, ample au développement, **riche et puissant**, un tantinet austère, le vin évolue noble et complexe vers une longue finale plutôt profonde pour le millésime. **C'est superbe !** Il est rare à Haut Bailly en primeur de ressentir des sensations à la fois pulpeuses et légèrement austères. **18**

BORDEAUX TOTAL
RENÉ GABRIEL'S ULTIMATIVE BORDEAUX-WEB-NAVIGATION

André Kunz
04/2019

Konzentriertes, komplexes, mineralisches, kräftiges Bouquet, Pflaumen, fein Zwetschgen, schwarzer Cassis, Rauch, Graphit, dunkle Edelholzer, Black Currant. Dichtverwobener, vielschichtiger, kraftvoller, eleganter Gaumen mit viel feinem Tannin, konzentrierter, fein muskulöser Struktur, vielfältiger, dichter, dunkler Aromatik, sehr langer, dichter, aromatischer Abgang mit vielen Rückaromen. **19**

WEINWISSE

04/2019

Undurchsichtiges Purpur mit schwarzer Mitte. Verführerische Nase nach Backpflaumen und Schattenmorellensaft. Im zweiten Ansatz duftige Veilchen und Cassis(likör). Am kräftigen Gaumen mit engmaschigem Tanningerüst, cremiger Textur gepaart mit unglaublicher **Eleganz und Rasse**, die Tannine sind superfein, auf den Punkt gelesen. Im gebündelten Finale schwarzbeerige Frucht, Eisenkraut, Mokka, endet mit einer edlen Bitternote – ein À point-Pessac und die **Nr. 1 in Léognan!** Dieser PLV- Wert ist weiterhin auf Erfolgskurs und bei passendem Preis eine Top- Empfehlung.

19+/20

VINIFERA

Jacques Perrin
04/2019

96



Adrian van Velsen
04/2019

Kräftiges Rubin, sehr dunkel. In der Nase tief, nobel, dunkelfruchtig mit reifen Brombeeren, Heidelbeeren, darüber Rauch, getrocknete Blüten, dezent Weihnachtsgewürze, kandierte Orangen, wirkt verspielt, tiefgründig. Im Auftakt kraftvoll, gradlinig, straff, ein Mund voll Wein, breitet sich aus, wird vollmundiger aber nicht breit, die Tannine sind markant, stützen die reife, pralle Frucht, der Wein zeigt sehr viel Power, bleibt dabei hochelegant, die 14.6% Alkohol sind sehr gut verpackt, die Säure ist mittelkräftig, hält das Powerpaket frisch und verleith Zug. Der Abgang präsentiert sich wieder äusserst straff und gradlinig, sehr lange Retroaromen auf Heidelbeere und Veilchenblüten. Einmal mehr **ein sehr gelungener Haut-Bailly** der mit Reife noch zulegen dürfte

19+

SCHWEIZERISCHE
WEINZEITUNG Hans Martin Gesellmann
05/2019

Elegantes Bouquet, Kräuter, Minze, Graphit, schwarze Brombeeren, Toast. **Gute Dichte**, saftig, viel feines Tannin, gute Struktur, elegante Säure, Finesse, schwarzbeerige Frucht, reife Himbeeren, zart Bitter-schokolade im Finish, lang. **19**

WINE REPORT

Akihiko Yamamoto
04/2019

「オー・バイイ 2018」(Haut-Bailly 2018)は向こうが見通せないほど濃厚なガーネット、カリフォルニアワインのようだ。グラスに鼻を突っ込むだけで幸福になる。ブラックカラント、杉、黒鉛、太い背骨のあるビッグワインで、圧倒されるが、生き生きしていて、めりはりがある。エレガントで、重さはない。シルキーなタンニン、纖細さがあり、継ぎ目のないフィニッシュが長く続く。アルコール度は14.4%、IPT(タンニン総量の指標)は86と高い。ヴェロニクが最初に試飲した時はバランスが良かったので、スイスイと飲んだが、ラボで検査をして驚いたという。カベルネ・ソーヴィニヨン55%、メルロー35%、プティ・ヴェルドとカベルネ・フラン各5%。98点。.

98

B My Bordeaux

Christer Byklum
05/2019

Ruby. Blueberries, anise, scented, dark fruity, elegant and nuanced, detailed, minerals nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, anise, minerals, elegant, fruity, detailed, nuanced, layered, deep, fairly rich with freshness to back it up. **Truly long. 97-99**

Great Wines From Bordeaux

Izak Litwar
05/2019

Powerful and concentrated with strong backbone, mineral with obvious graphite flavour, fabulous structure, complexity and length. **Exceptional stuff 97-98**